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SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD
Executive Committee Meeting
Administrator's Conference Room (W1103)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
July 13-14, 1999
(B-45)

***[NOTE: At this time, some elements of the agenda are uncertain
and may not come to fruition.]***

TUESDAY, JULY 13

I. Introduction

8:30-8:40	A. Introduction	Dr. Randy Seeker
	1. Comments to Members	Chair
	2. Perspective from the Chair	
	3. Overview of the meeting	
	4. Acknowledge outgoing members	

COMMENTARY :

Dr. Seeker will preview the anticipated events
associated with the meeting.

8:40-8:50	B. Updates	Dr. Jack Fowle
		EC DFO

TAB A

COMMENTARY :

Dr. Fowle will review a number of developments,
including the following

1. Move to Ariel Rios
2. Making a positive difference in the use of
science at EPA

II. Reports from Committees

TAB B

COMMENTARY :

The activities of each Committee will be
summarized in a one-page synopsis of its
recent activities. The brief oral
presentations will touch on the highlights.

8:50-8:55	A. Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (Council)	Dr. Maureen Cropper <i>Council Chair</i>
8:55-9:00	B. Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)	Dr. Joe Mauderly <i>CASAC Chair</i>
9:00-9:25	C. Drinking Water Committee (DWC)	Dr. Richard Bull <i>DWC Chair</i>
<p>DISCUSSION : "Review of Report on Comparative Risk Framework" Lead Discussant: Dr. Mort Lippmann Associate Discussant: Dr. Henry Anderson</p>		
9:25-9:30	D. Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC)	Dr. Terry Young <i>EPEC Chair</i>
9:30-9:35	E. Environmental Economics Advisory Committee	Mr. Tom Miller for Dr. Robert Stavins <i>EEAC Chair</i>
9:35-9:40	F. Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC)	Dr. Hilary Inyang <i>EEC Chair</i>
9:40-9:45	G. Integrated Human Exposure Committee (IHEC)	Dr. Henry Anderson <i>IHEC Chair</i>
9:45-9:50	H. Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC)	Dr. Stephen Brown <i>RAC Chair</i>
9:50-9:55	I. Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC)	Dr. W. Randall Seeker <i>RSAC Chair</i>
9:55-10:00	J. Environmental Health Committee (EHC)	Dr. Mark Utell <i>EHC Chair</i>
10:00-10:15	BREAK	
K. Special Subcommittees		
10:15-10:30	IRP Peer Review & Next Steps	Dr. Granger Morgan Dr. Gene Matanoski
10:30-10:40	Subcommittee on Data from Testing of Human Subjects	Dr. Mark Utell <i>DTHSS Co-Chair</i> Dr. Ron Kendall <i>DTHSS Co-Chair</i>

Dr. Mark Utell

COMMENTARY :

III. Interaction with Other Groups

Dr. Ron Kendall
SAP, Chair

COMMENTARY :

Dr. Costel Denson

COMMENTARY :

Dr. Routt Reigart

COMMENTARY :

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:30	Social Science	Dr. Angela Nugent, EPA Dr. Bonnie McCay, Rutgers. Dr. Peter Fricke, Social Scientist, NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service Dr. Thomas Dietz, George Mason (to be confirmed) Dr. Joel Scheraga, EPA (to be confirmed) Mr. Michael Slimak, EPA (to be confirmed)
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TAB F **COMMENTARY :**

For nearly a decade, the SAB structure has included two committees that focus on economics. The presenters will share their experiences to benchmark how non-economic social sciences that look at the human/social experience more broadly might be effectively engaged by the SAB. What could the EC do to implement more actively the Board's commitment in its strategic plan to incorporate social sciences in its advice?

2:30-3:00	Budget & the SAB	Dr. Jack Fowle
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TAB G **COMMENTARY :**

Budget considerations impacted SAB operations this year. Dr. Fowle will discuss the status of SAB's budget and implications for FY 2000 (e.g., continue with 3 meetings per Committee). The EC will be asked for a "read" of the situation. Are there suggestions for better ways to manage Board operations?

3:00-3:15	BREAK
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3:15-3:45	Liaison Meetings between senior Agency Officials and EC Chairs provide an opportunity to understand Agency priorities, to evaluate how our advice has helped and what we can do better to make a positive difference in the production and use of science at EPA.
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3:45-4:45	New Approaches	Dr. Jay Benforado (to be confirmed) Dr. Dorothy Patton
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Dr. Granger Morgan

TAB H

COMMENTARY :

The SAB Strategic Plan identifies the development of new EPA approaches to environmental protection as one of the changes in EPA that provide opportunities for SAB to make a positive difference in the production and use of science at EPA. The EC has a workgroup that is exploring whether and how the SAB can work to strengthen science in these new approaches.

4:45-5:00 Recapitulation and preparation

Dr. Seeker

5:00 Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

8:30-8:35

Reconvening

Dr. Seeker

8:35-9:10

Internet Discussion Database

Dr. Angela Nugent

COMMENTARY :

Producing advice in a timely fashion was identified as a major thrust by the EC at its Strategic retreat. This discussion will focus on the use of the internet for "real-time" report preparation.

9:10-10:00

Self-initiated projects

Dr. Granger Morgan
Dr. Paul Lioy
Dr. Carl Mazza

TAB I

COMMENTARY :

As a follow-up to the EC Strategic retreat there was a commitment to workshops on self-initiated projects to advance the Agency's use of science. SAB Committees are proposing self-initiated projects (e.g., HEES workshop). Are these the right kinds of proposals? Is a more formal process needed?

10:00-10:15

BREAK

10:15-11:15

Science Strategy & Futures

Dr. Patton

ACTION: The EC will conduct a consultation

TAB J

COMMENTARY :

Because there are multiple sources of science at EPA the Agency has begun to look holistically at science at the Agency. Dr. Patton is in charge of work group to get a handle on the science done across EPA.

11:15-11:45	SAB Reports -- What's In? How Many Times?	Dr. Stephen Brown
	The SAB has developed a "look" for its reports. At the June 30 EC teleconference it was noted that many reports (e.g., Model Acceptability) contain the same material in more than one place. The EC will be asked for guidance about the format for SAB reports.	
11:45-12:00	Wrap-up	
12:00	Adjourn	
1:00-3:00	Liaison Meetings	

This agenda represents the following approximate time distribution, exclusive of the Lookout Panel session:

Introductory and administrative	%10 (1.0 hrs)
Committee activities	%30 (3.2 ")
Interaction with Agency officials	%0 (0 ")
Board business and concerns	%60 (6.5 ")
Interaction with outside parties	%0 (0 ")
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